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In re Application of

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following remarks are submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.111
in response to the Office Action of May 7, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 18-35 are pending. Of these claims 25-35 have been withdrawn as directed
to a non-elected aspect of the invention.

Claims 18-24 remain and they have been rejected as follows: (1) claims 18-21 as
anticipated under 35 USC 102(b) by Ennis; (2) claim 22 as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a)
over Ennis in view of Belanger; (3) claim 23 as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Ennis;
and (4) claim 24 as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Ennis in view of Fromme.

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The present invention as broadly claimed relates to an umbrella device or
arrangement. It includes: a shank; an umbrella-like cap rotatably maintained at the upper end of